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In re Patent No. 6,969,610 :
Issued: November 29, 2005 : LETTER REGARDING PTA
Application No. 10/045,545 :
Filed: January 14, 2002 :
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This letter is in response to the "COMMUNICATION REGARDING TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed December 15, 2005. The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to our attention.

The request for reconsideration of patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application matured into U.S. Pat. No. 6,969,610 on November 29, 2005. The patent issued with a PTA of 30 days. Patentee, however, indicates that an error appears in the adjustment in that the patent is believed to be entitled to zero days of patent term adjustment.

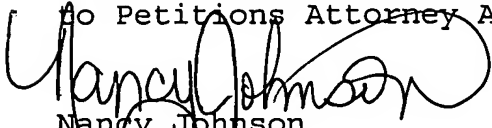
Accordingly, an overall review of the PTA calculation was undertaken and it is determined that patentee is correct.

Accordingly, at the time of issuance, the application was entitled to zero days of PTA, as indicated by patentee.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in patentee's favor, no fee is due in connection with this matter. The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

This application file is being forwarded to the Certificate of Correction Branch for issuance of a certificate of correction indicating that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by zero days .

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed
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Enclosure: Copy of Draft Certificate of Correction

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT : 6,969,610 B2
DATED : November 29, 2005
INVENTOR(S) : Maines

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page,

[*] Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 USC 154(b) by 30 days

Delete the phrase "by 30 days" and insert – by 0 days--